birth centenary of Netaji has already decided to set up a memorial museum in the Netaji's ancestral house at Cuttack.

Withdrawal of world heritage classification to Hampi

3263. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UNESCO authorities are threating to withdraw World Heritage Classification to Hampi in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons given by the UNESCO; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for averting the situation of withdrawal of World Heritage Classification?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The World Heritage site of Hampi has been declared an endangered site by the UNESCO in view of the certain construction activities undertaken at the site by the State Government.

(c) The Government of Karnataka, on the advice of the Government of India has set up a high level Task Force to take long-term corrective measures for the preservation and maintenance of Hampi monuments.

New National Cultural Policy

3264. SHRI P. SOUNDARARANJAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that formulation of new 'National Cultural Policy' is underway;

(b) if so, whether the States and the representatives of various cultural identities have been consulted; and

(c) whether Government have proposal to send it to a Parliamentary Committee before declaration?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Though attempts to formulate a comprehensive National Cultural Policy were made in the past no finality could be arrived at. The exercise included consultations with the States Government, UTs, Members